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NOTES AND NEWS

ONE of the great founders of the science of physical anthropology has passed away in the person of Dr. Paul Topinard. He was a pupil, colleague, and friend of the illustrious Broca, a "man who," Dr. Beddoe said, "positively radiated science and the love of science; no one could associate with him without catching a portion of the sacred flame. Topinard has been the Elisha of this Elijah." Topinard made valuable investigations on the living population of France, and many researches in various other branches of physical anthropology. In 1876 he published a relatively small book, "*L'Anthropologie*," for which he obtained a gold medal from the *Faculté de Médecine de Paris*, and a second prize from *l'Institut*; it was translated into English, and published in the *Library of Contemporary Science* in 1878. This book is packed with information, as it contains numerous measurements and an exposition of methods of investigation; it has long been a guide for students and a manual of reference for travelers and others. In 1885 he published his "*Éléments d'Anthropologie générale*," a monumental work of 1157 pages, being the substance of his courses of lectures and laboratory instruction for eight years in the *École d'Anthropologie*. It is not the compilation of a mere library student, but is permeated by the author's personality and contains the results of his very numerous and varied researches; in it he broke free from the traditions of the monogenists and polygenists, and incorporated the new ideas spread by Darwin and Haeckel. This great work exhibits his vast erudition and untiring energy, and it is indispensable for all physical anthropologists. It is needless to add that Dr. Topinard has gained honors in his own country and the homage of his colleagues all over the world.—*Nature*.

MR. N. C. NELSON, instructor in anthropology in the University of California, has been appointed assistant curator in the department of anthropology in the American Museum of Natural History. He will assume his duties next June and give special attention to North American archeology.

DR. W. R. BOYCE GIBSON, lecturer in philosophy at the University of Liverpool, has been appointed professor of mental and moral philosophy at the University of Melbourne.

A GUIDE to "*The Philosophy of Bergson*," by A. D. Lindsay, a young Scotchman, will be brought out by Doran.